IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF:

GROUP: 1645

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FOR: METHODS FOR DETECTION OR MEASUREMENT OF VIRUSES

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks **BOX AF** Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

It is requested that the term for response to the Official Action dated April 10, 2001 be extended for three months to October 10, 2001. Please charge the requisite term extension fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1944.

It is requested that the application be amended as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 13-30 without prejudice. These claims were drawn to an invention which was not elected, and the Office Action indicates that a response in order to be complete must include cancellation of these claims.

Attached is a copy of amended claims 4,9,10, 11, 31, 32 and 34-41 with bracketing and underlining. Also, attached is a clean copy of claims 4, 9, 10, 11, 31, 32 and 34-41.

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